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For : Laser Intensity Adjusting Method

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 16

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action of March 21, 2002 (Paper No. 16). Reply to Paper No. 16 is made without further amendment of the claims.

REMARKS

Continued consideration of this application courteously is solicited. The Examiner's willingness to continue working with the Applicant toward resolution of the last issue in this case is appreciated greatly. Paper No. 16, like Paper No. 14 which issued earlier, focuses on the central, on-going issue in the prosecution of the present application. This issue remains as how those of ordinary skill in the art would have understood Applicant's use of the phrase "further finely divided laser intensities".

Paper No. 16 provides a clear statement of the Examiner's concerns, and reasons for asserting the current rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicant understands the Examiner's position. However, Applicant courteously urges

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